

STATE CAPITOL—PRESERVATION OF VIEW

CHAPTER 50¹¹

S. B. No. 176

AN ACT

relating to preservation of the view of the State Capitol from certain points and prohibition of certain construction.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "capitol dome" means the part of the State Capitol located more than 653 feet above sea level.

SECTION 2. CONSTRUCTION PROHIBITED. A state agency or institution may not undertake any construction that would block all or part of the view of the capitol dome from any point on the south steps of the Main Building of The University of Texas at Austin or from any point on the terrace adjacent to the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum.

SECTION 3. APPLICATION. Section 2 of this Act does not apply to any construction for which plans are prepared and ground is broken before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on March 24, 1983: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on April 21, 1983: Yeas 133, Nays 1, one present not voting.

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Effective May 3, 1983.

31. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 6145-13, §§ 1 to 3.

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